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### SUPERINTENDENT HORNE ANNOUNCES MAJOR ADVANCE IN TECHNOLOGY ASSISTED EDUCATION

PHOENIX (Wednesday, October 05, 2005) - Arizona School Superintendent, Tom Horne, today announced a major advance in technology-assisted education with the launching of IDEAL a service for Arizona students, teachers, administrators, and the public, all at a single web location or "portal."

Horne stated: "Starting today, every teacher and administrator currently employed in Arizona has been issued a unique log on to take advantage of online professional development. One of the most important things we can do to increase student learning is to increase the skill of teachers."

Teachers will also be able to use the IDEAL test bank. The test bank will house thousands of reading, writing, and math items that can be used to create individualized lesson plans for students.

As this project is expanded, students and parents will be able to access teacher messages about student progress, homework, etc.

Horne added: "The most immediate benefit to the public, is that anyone can go online and take an AIMS test on any subject at any grade level. This can be done at the Arizona Department of Education website [www.ade.az.gov](http://www.ade.az.gov): click IDEAL in the middle of the page, then scroll down and click "Practice Test Items," choose the test the test you want to take, and then log in as a "guest." When you click "save my answers," the computer will correct your test and show you the right answers."

"With the launching of IDEAL, Arizona leads the nation in technology-assisted instruction to individualize and, therefore, increase student learning," Horne added.

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